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FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 10, 1860.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A State Convention will be held at the Capitol in Madison, on Wednesday, the 23d day of February, 1860, at the Old Market House, in the Commercial District, to represent the State of Wisconsin in the selection of two delegates to the national convention of 1860, to nominate two candidates for presidential election, and to advise in view of the approaching election of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The structures of "Tandem," in your issue of the 6th inst., on the article of "Republican," are clear and truthful. The criticism of Judge Dixons opinion, which appeared in your issue of 27th Jan., and which "Tandem" says was written by a lawyer, are cogent and unanswerable. And why not let us know who that lawyer is, who "Tandem" says has no superior and but few equals in the State, and whose able argument and logical deductions are thus clearly expressed?

The worthy names of Judges A. D. and Alexander Smith, with others, are proposed by "Tandem," and who knows but the able lawyer, he speaks of as being second to none in the State, would be the man to occupy the seat of Chief Justice?

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Horace Greeley, W. H. Steward, E. W. Keyes, G. C. Ladd, Henry Cushing, James McMurtry, John M. Douglass, D. Worthington, I. C. Paine, A. C. Parker, Charles S. Finney, Jr., J. C. Pennington, L. F. Fisher, A. E. Buoy, George W. Steele, State Central Com.

THE REJOICINGS AT WASHINGTON.

Complimentary Serenade to Speaker Pennington.

Judicious organization cannot be premature. By organization, we mean a concentration of power, dissemination of facts, systematizing of the elements of the opposition so as to make every component part tell in its own proper way. There is some danger that the Republican party will rely too much on its own strength. We are conscious of the slow and steady growth and are too apt to estimate its advances as irresistible, independent of individual exertion. The resources may be extensive, but they must be developed.

Promising a wise choice by the National Convention, the success will all depend upon the labor—the organization afterward. And about this we wish to say a word. The growth of Republicanism has been parallel with that of infidelity among the masses! This is a significant fact, and suggestive. We find, in looking back, that the development of power in the Republican party has been slow and healthy. Facts have been silently moulded into votes. Great principles have won their way steadily with the same undeviating progress as common intelligence—loses this not suggest to the Republicans of today the method by which he shall work?

The doctrines are eloquent and full a response in almost every heart. Let them speak for themselves.

It has been said that two-thirds of all the men in the United States, who take newspapers, will vote the Republican ticket next Fall. There is a great deal of wisdom, as well as self-command, in this, and we say to Republicans that the first step to be taken in forwarding the work for 1860, is to circulate *Republican* journals. If men will read and think, we may rest comparatively easy as to the result. Men of means and influence should see to this thing. We want the truth disseminated, and wherever it is scattered, look out for harvest. The easiest way to help the cause is to circulate the newspaper in your neighborhood, and let it be a matter of consultation, contributions—form a club and have stated meetings, and cause the merits of the parties—this is work and looks like organization. There are thousands in this State who are ignorant of the principles and objects of the Republican party, except what little they have been taught by its advocates. Many honest men who have little time to investigate thoroughly, would lend their influence in the right direction if once convinced that it is for their interest.

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The Southern System.

The New York *Express* believes in a great political party which shall be an anomaly and this "great" hollow movement is to be called the "Union Party." The York *Express* is a "great" grammar, and whenever two conflicting elements of good and evil meet, it puts them both on the back and administers its sedative of compromise. The point is here: "Republican will disturb the South—but if we can patch up the South—then—".

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